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SUBJ: APPARENT ABANDONMENT OF U.S. FIRM-LATRIQUE

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(B) SULLIVAN-GRAHAM TELCON OF AUGUST 12

1. THREE REPRESENTATIVES OF LATRIQUE WORKERS' COMMISSION CALLED AT EMBASSY AUGUST 22 REQUESTING ANSWER TO ISSUES RAISED REFTEL. THEY STATED RADICAL ELEMENT AT PLANT HAS LOST PATIENCE AND IS READY TO INITIATE PRESS CAMPAIGN AND POSSIBLY DEMONSTRATE AT EMBASSY. EMBASSY OFFICIAL PROMISED CONTACT DEPARTMENT FOR ANY FURTHER INFORMATION AND WORKERS AGREED TO WAIT UNTIL AFTERNOON LISBON TIME FOR ANY RESPONSE FROM LATRIQUE.

2. WORKERS CALLED AT 4:00 P.M. LISBON TIME AND WERE INFORMED THAT DEPARTMENT HAD CONTACTED LATRIQUE NEW YORK TWICE DURING LAST WEEK BUT THAT THERE WAS APPARENTLY NO CHANGE IN LATRIQUE POSITION REGARDING PROBLEM. WORKERS WERE ADVISED THAT PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN WOULD NOT HELP RESOLVE DISPUTE. THEY STATED THEY WOULD INFORM REST OF WORKERS COMMISSION AND WERE NOT SURE OF NEXT MOVE BY THE WORKERS.

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3. INFORMATION JUST RECEIVED INDICATES LATRIQUE WORKERS' COM-

MISSION LESS THAN FRANK WITH EMBASSY OFFICERS. MONTGOMERY WARD
REPRESENTATIVE IN LISBON INFORMS EMBASSY THAT WARD IS
NEGOTIATING FOR PURCHASE OF 6,000 DOZEN BRASSIERES WHICH IS ALMOST
TOTAL STOCK OF LATRIQUE. WARD REPRESENTATIVE INFORMS EMBASSY THAT
WORKERS ALSO THREATENED PRESS CAMPAIGN AGAINST WARD AND
THREATENED TO SEEK EMBASSY ASSISTANCE AGAINST WARD. NONE OF ABOVE
MENTIONED TO EMBASSY.
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